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AMENDMENT C

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This amendment responds to the Office Action mailed April 26, 2004.

An automatic three month extension of time to respond, up to and including October 26, 2004 is respectfully requested. The requisite fee accompanies this amendment.

Please amend the application as follows:

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Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 13, line 5, as follows in marked-up form:

As Fig. 4B shows, due to expansion of heat-softened material under pressure in the cavity 24, the wall thickness of the structure 56 is not uniform. The region 22 has a minimum wall thickness T3 when in its normally enlarged diameter D3, which is less than the normal extruded or molded wall thickness (T1) of the tube 16 ~~86~~.